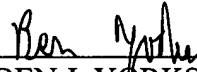


Column 3, lines 7-10 of Austring does disclose using an adhesive but in the area 25 of the blade holder. Austring does not state that the binding agent is introduced through hole 44. In fact, it is more probably that the adhesive would be applied directly to extensions 20 and 22 of the blade or area 25 of the blade holder before mating the two parts. Applying the adhesive through hole 44 is not inherent or suggested in this reference.

In view of the above it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 21-26 at an early date is solicited.

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